A RESOLUTION to honor Representative Carol Chumney upon her meritorious service to the freshmen members of the House of Representatives of the 99th General Assembly.

WHEREAS, freshmen members of the General Assembly often arrive in Nashville with a bountiful supply of energy, drive and good intentions; yet such neophytes are sometimes sadly lacking in factual knowledge and insight into the complex workings of the legislature in particular and state government in general; and

WHEREAS, on such occasions, confused freshmen legislators are in dire need of the wise counsel and sage advise of more seasoned, experienced members, to ensure that these lambs are led to green pastures, and not to slaughter; and

WHEREAS, Representative Carol Chumney of Memphis has admirably fulfilled this important role of pledge advisor / "Big Sister" for the freshmen House members of the 99th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, despite a heavy work load of her own that includes sponsoring numerous pieces of important legislation, Representative Chumney always finds the time to confer with freshmen members and to direct their inquiries and problems through the most expeditious channels; and

WHEREAS, thus it can be truly said that, in addition to astutely serving her constituents in House District 89, the most distinguished Majority Whip has had an impact and worked for the common good in each and every House district represented by a freshman; and

WHEREAS, Carol Chumney's great patience and benevolence in service of her fellow legislators should come as no surprise, as this exemplary legislator has previously proven her

dedication to achieving monumental tasks, for example her deft guidance to passage of the "State Government Quality Improvement Act", the "Open Appointments Act" and landmark sexual harassment legislation, and her procurement of thousands of dollars for special needs in her district, including improvements for three parks and funding for Lewis Senior Citizens Center and the Randolph Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Representative Chumney has evidenced uncommon natural talent for "babysitting" and even "wood shedding" her freshmen colleagues, and her faculty as a "legislative guru" should be appropriately commemorated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we pause to honor Representative Carol Chumney upon her careful and considerate shepherding of the freshman flock of the House of Representatives for the 99th General Assembly, and encourage her to begin in earnest her preparations for counseling our next freshman class in 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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